

Sources Say Judges' Questions May Preview Trump's GHG Rule Rollback

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Following the December 6 oral arguments in *West Virginia v. EPA* in the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Bracewell's **Jeff Holmstead** told *Inside EPA's Climate Extra* that he was "a little surprised" that the judges and lawyers didn't discuss the lack of gas-fired plants that have installed carbon capture and storage (CCS), instead focusing on CCS at coal-fired plants.

"A big part of the cost of this" is EPA's "requirement" that owners and operators install CCS on gas-fired plants, Holmstead said, noting incoming officials could use that claim to help justify a rollback.

Holmstead added, "I think the Trump administration will lay out its interpretation of the statutory language" in a rule repealing EPA's power plant greenhouse gas rule, referring to the Supreme Court's ruling that struck down *Chevron* deference.

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